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SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
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RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

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September 22, 1975

Honorable William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

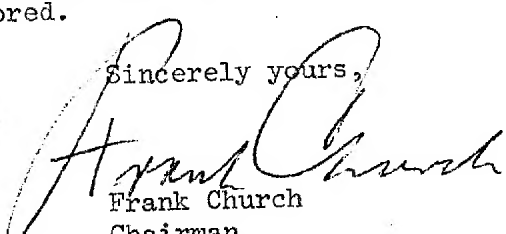
Dear Director Colby:


To fulfill the mandate of Senate Resolution 21 in the field of foreign intelligence, the Senate Select Committee will begin hearings in October to define the principal policy issues for the Congress and the public and to consider new national security legislation and oversight arrangements as they relate to intelligence.

We will begin with hearings on covert action and raise the general question of whether it should be permitted, and if so, under what rules and constraints. We would like to introduce this subject through executive session briefings from the CIA and NSC on the U.S. covert action program, its purposes, techniques, and budgetary implications, and how covert actions contribute to U.S. foreign policy goals and national security.

We are writing you to ask you to appear before the Committee on Wednesday morning October 22 in its first hearing on covert action to discuss the CIA covert action program and how such activities are initiated, approved, and monitored.

Sincerely yours,

  
Frank Church  
Chairman

  
John Tower  
Vice Chairman

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